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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO VISIT TO WASHINGTON

1. SUMMARY. ON APRIL 9 AND 10 MAJOR COLOMBIAN NEWSPAPERS PROVIDED
FRONT PAGE COVERAGE OF FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON
THE ARTICLES WERE FAVORABLE ALTHOUGH THEY DID NOT GO INTO DETAIL ON
THE SUBSTANCE OF DISCUSSION. END SUMMARY.

2. ON APRIL 9, EL TIEMPO AND EL ESPECTADOR PRINTED PAGE ONE PHOTOGRAP
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AND THE UPI REPORT OF THE MEETING BETWEEN LIEVANO AND SECRETARY
KISSINGER, HIGHLIGHTING WHAT THEY DESCRIBED AS A DISCUSSION OF PANAMA
CANAL LETTER AND CUBA. EL TIEMPO HEADLINED ITS ARTICLE "LIEVANO-
KISSINGER MEETING SUPREMELY FRIENDLY". EL COLOMBIANO OF MEDELLIN
COMMENTED A NEW DIALOGUE HAS BEGUN IN AMERICA AND SPECIFICALLY
BETWEEN THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND THE U.S. FOR THE ADVANTAGE
OF EVERYONE".

3. IN FRONT PAGE ARTICLES ON APRIL 10, MAJOR NEWSPAPERS CARRIED
EITHER OWE FULL TEXT OF THE FORMAL JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED BY
LIEVANO AND THE SECRETARY OR EXCERPTS THEREOF WITH MENTION OF GENERAL
POINTS OF CONVERSATION SUCH AS THE COMING OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
MEETING, PRESIDENT LOPEZ PLANNED TRIP TO THE US AND HAMISPHERIC
RELATIONS. ALL PAPERS DID, HOWEVER, MAKE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO
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LIEVANO'S DELIVERY OF THE LETTER CONCERNING THE PANAMA CANAL ADDRESSE

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TO PRESIDENT FORD AND SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENTS OF COLOMBIA, VENEZUELA

,
AND COSTA RICA. EL ESPECTADOR REPORTED THAT LIEVANO AND THE SECRETARY
ALSO DISCUSSED THE FUTURE OF OAS SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA.

4. MOST ARTICLES WERE STRAIGHTFORWARD AND WITHOUT COMMENT, EMPHASIZIN

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THE USEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE NATURE OF THE MEETINGS. ONLY EDITORIALS
SO FAR APPEARED IN CONSERVATIVE EL PAIS OF CALI AND LIBERAL CORREO
OF MEDELLIN. BOTH EDITORIALS EMPHASIZED BENEFICIAL EFFECT OF THE
MEETING ON HEMISPHERIC RELATIONS.

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